

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-15 have been amended herein. All of the pending claims 1 through 15 are presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings in the application. Please enter these claims as amended.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for sharing clipboard data between different computers of a group, comprising:  
commanding a first computer of the group to copy or cut selected data to a clipboard of the first computer;  
causing-~~said~~ the first computer to send a message to at least a second computer of the group that the data on-~~said~~ the clipboard has been updated;  
providing-~~said~~ the second computer with access to-~~said~~ the clipboard; and  
commanding an application operating on-~~said~~ the second computer to paste-~~said~~ the selected data.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein-~~said~~ the commanding-~~said~~ the first computer consists of causing-~~said~~ the first computer to copy or cut-~~said~~ the selected data.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein-~~said~~ command commanding-~~said~~ the application operating on-~~said~~ the second computer consists of causing-~~said~~ the second computer to paste-~~said~~ the selected data.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~-providing-~~said~~ the second computer with access to-~~said~~ the clipboard comprises providing-~~said~~ the second computer with information of each format in which-~~said~~ the selected data is stored on-~~said~~ the clipboard.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein ~~said~~-commanding-~~said~~ the application comprises obtaining a single, application-compatible format of-~~said~~ the selected data.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ providing does not include copying ~~said the~~ selected data to a clipboard of ~~said the~~ second computer.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting data in a registered format from one computer to another computer, comprising:  
providing an operating system of a first computer running an application in which a copy command is issued with a string name;  
generating a message on ~~said the~~ first computer that clipboard data on ~~said the~~ first computer has been updated and including ~~said the~~ string name that corresponds to ~~said the~~ registered format;  
transmitting ~~said the~~ message to at least one second computer;  
issuing a paste command on ~~said the~~ at least one second computer, comprising generating a request including ~~said the~~ string ~~identifier~~ name and transmitting ~~said the~~ request to ~~said the~~ first computer; and  
in response to ~~said the~~ request from ~~said the~~ at least one second computer, transmitting requested data from ~~said the~~ clipboard of ~~said the~~ first computer to ~~said the~~ clipboard of ~~said the~~ at least one second computer.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~said~~ operating system on ~~said the~~ first computer randomly generates a numeric format identifier following ~~said~~ providing ~~said the~~ operating system with ~~said the~~ string name.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein, following ~~said~~ transmitting ~~said the~~ message, ~~said the~~ at least one second computer presents ~~said the~~ string name to ~~said an~~ operating system thereon and ~~said the~~ operating system generates a numeric format identifier to be associated with ~~said the~~ requested data on ~~said the~~ clipboard of ~~said the~~ at least one second computer.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer network, comprising:  
a first computer including at least one first processing element operating under at least partial control of a program that:  
causes ~~said~~ the at least one first processing element to recognize when an operating system associated therewith has caused data to be applied to a clipboard; and  
causes ~~said~~ the at least one first processing element to send a message to at least one second computer of the computer network when data on ~~said~~ the clipboard of ~~said~~ the first computer is changed; and  
~~said~~ the at least one second computer including at least one second processing element operating under at least partial control of a program that:  
causes ~~said~~ the at least one second processing element to receive ~~said~~ the message; and  
upon receiving a command from an application running on ~~said~~ the at least one second computer, retrieves at least a portion of ~~said~~ the data from ~~said~~ the clipboard of ~~said~~ the first computer and imports at least ~~said~~ the portion of ~~said~~ the data into ~~said~~ the application.
11. (Currently Amended) The computer network of claim 10, wherein ~~said~~ the program causes ~~said~~ the at least one first processing element to recognize when a copy or cut command has been issued by an application running on ~~said~~ the first computer.
12. (Currently Amended) The computer network of claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the command from ~~said~~ the application running on ~~said~~ the second computer comprises a paste command.
13. (Currently Amended) The computer network of claim 10, wherein ~~said~~ the message sent by ~~said~~ the at least one first processing element includes information about a plurality of formats of ~~said~~ the data available on ~~said~~ the clipboard.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer network of claim 13, wherein ~~said the~~ program that at least partially controls ~~said the~~ at least one second processing element is configured to select a format of at least ~~said the~~ portion of ~~said the~~ data from ~~said the~~ plurality of formats to be imported into ~~said the~~ application.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer network, comprising:  
a first computer including at least one first processing element programmed for:  
copying or cutting selected data to a clipboard; and  
sending a message to at least one second computer of the computer network when data on  
~~said the~~ clipboard of ~~said the~~ first computer is changed; and  
~~said the~~ at least one second computer including at least one second processing element operating under at least partial control of a program for:  
~~causes~~ ~~causing~~ ~~said the~~ at least one second processing element to receive ~~said the~~ message; and  
upon receiving a command from an application running on ~~said the~~ at least one second computer, retrieving at least a portion of ~~said the~~ data from ~~said the~~ clipboard of ~~said the~~ first computer and importing at least ~~said the~~ portion of ~~said the~~ data into ~~said the~~ application.

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached sheet of drawings includes a change to FIG. 1. This sheet, which includes FIG. 1, replaces the original sheet including FIG. 1.

FIG. 1 has been amended herein. Specifically, FIG. 1 has been revised to add the reference numeral --111-- with appropriate lead line. No new matter has been added.